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MARRIAGE.

At "Leuville," Gas Works, on the 6th March, by the Rev. C. W. Hickling, Union Church, Hong Kong, EDGAR WILLIAM TERRY Gas Works, to MARY ANN McNAUGHTON, eldest daughter of JAMES McNAUGHTON, Esq. Chemist, Fort Vancouver, Scotland.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 9TH 1909.

It is somewhat curious that at the time when the Chinese are seriously considering the defects in the system of government which has so long obtained in the Celestial Empire, European nations, and probably none more so than Great Britain are, in an unsuspected manner adopting the principle which experience in these parts has proved to be so delusive. No truer remark was ever made than one uttered by the late Professor Leger that the Chinese system, as set forth in their Classics, is suited to a family or to a small village community, but is quite unadapted to the government of a large country or empire. The analogy between a nation and a family has always been attractive but all experience shows that it is completely false. The history of China stands probably at the head of such experience. The whole system of society in the country is an enlargement of the idea of the family—and, ingeniously as it has been worked out—that system has led to abuses in every direction, the most obvious of course being the arbitrary power which it places in the hands of the Emperor and the officials—as by analogy, the fathers of all the people—to, whom implicit obedience must be accorded. This paternal system is found to pervade the government of China in all

directions—and the result has been the establishment of a form of administration so arbitrary that some of the high authorities themselves are at last beginning to recognise that it cannot be longer continued without substantial modification. The idea that the State is a kind of large family which must be managed on domestic principles is the underlying fallacy that has given so great an impetus to late years to the Socialistic movements at home which, if they could succeed, would end in as complete a tyranny on the part of the masses as has ever existed on that of officials in China or in the most arbitrarily governed countries in the world. The State is to do everything—to regulate the hours of labour, to find employment for unemployed, to grant old age pensions, and in a number of other ways to do for individuals what with ordinary prudence, they could, in many instances at least, do as well or better for themselves. This kind of interference is that which is most complained of when it emanates from above, instead of from below, but it is precisely the same in the nature and effects, whether it results from the decree of an Emperor or a Viceroy or from undue pressure brought upon Parliament by the "Labour" or "Socialist" parties. The mistake in both instances is that of concluding that whatever may be done by the head of a family for its benefit, can be undertaken by the State with advantage to the community. This is a complete reversal of the principle which was formerly accepted, namely that it is undesirable for the State to undertake anything that can be managed by individuals or associations of private individuals for themselves. The old rule was the less government interference the better. Now, however, the Government is called upon to interfere in almost everything, and if the Socialists had their way, they would have the railways, waterworks and all large enterprises in the hands of the Government—and of course, the Government in their hands. This is the point to which, on democratic lines, a system based upon extending family government to a State will arrive; just as, upon Imperial lines, it will arrive at a paternal system similar to that which has worked so much oppression in China. Whether government emanates from above or from below, it ought clearly to be confined to its own province; and harm will, in the end, always result when its powers are directed to matters not properly within its sphere. It is, of course, not easy to define absolutely at what point the sphere of government action ends. This, however, can be done negatively and the ordinary test is, whether in any given case what is proposed can or cannot be done by individuals or by legitimate independent associations. Such matters or enterprises may no doubt be at times advantageously aided by Government, but this is a very different thing to the Government undertaking them itself as has been markedly the case in recent times.

The French and English Mails of the 3rd and 5th February were delivered in London on the 6th inst.

Mr. S. A. Seth writes to say that he was not the coxswain of the boats competing at the Canton Regatta on Saturday.

Sir Pelham L. Warren has been elected President of the St. George's Society of Shanghai and Mr. G. Jenner Hogg, Vice-President for the ensuing year.

At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. J. H. Kemp ordered two sailors from the French cruiser *D'Entrecasteaux* to pay a fine of \$5 each for being drunk and disorderly the previous day.

Japanese papers report that his Majesty King Leopold of Belgium is to pay a visit to Japan and that the Belgian Minister in Tokyo is to leave Tokyo for home shortly to consult with the Belgian Government on the projected visit.

Two cases of plague, one from Kowloon city and the other from Tsing Tsai Tsai, were reported yesterday. Both were fatal. The plague return for the week was three cases and two deaths. Since January 1st there have been nine cases and seven deaths.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 7th March, 1909, shows that of non-Chinese there were 447 to the Library and 140 to the Museum and of Chinese 235 to the former and 2,704 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 702 persons and the Museum by 2,844.

A European reported to the police that he had lost his gold watch and chain at the Races on the 17th February. A few days later the police arrested the man who pawned the watch, subsequently they discovered the thief, and not long afterwards they captured a boarding house keeper with the chain and the pawn ticket in his possession. All three were brought before the Magistracy yesterday and remanded.

A bill has been introduced into the Philippine Assembly providing that the legal rate of interest shall not exceed two per cent per month in monthly contracts and not over 15 per cent per annum in annual contracts. In a lengthy preamble to the bill its introducers explain that the Bill is taken from a law recently approved in the Spanish parliament, for the purpose of putting an end to usury.

There was an inaugural ball in the Carnival auditorium at Manila on the 4th inst in honour of President Taft and in the course of the evening the Executive Committee sent off the following telegrams:—To President Taft, Washington:—"Participants Manila inaugural ball hail their old chief as their new chief. Heartily wish him all success." To Mrs. Taft, Washington:—"Participants Manila inaugural ball unite in affectionately greeting the first lady of the land."

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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The Right Rev. H. Evington, D.D., Bishop of Kyushu, has sent in his resignation owing to continued ill-health. The action which the Bishop has taken, remarks the *Nagasaki Press*, practically terminates a long and honourable service in the mission field, as he first came to Japan in 1875 and is now the senior Church of England missionary in the country. From 1875 to 1892 Bishop Evington was stationed in Osaka; he next resided in Kumamoto for about a year and in 1894 was appointed the first Bishop of Kyushu and has since lived in Nagasaki.

The prize of ¥500 recently offered by Mr. Nakamura, a merchant of Doza, Nagasaki, for the best essay on "How to Improve Nagasaki," has since been the subject of a discussion in the local Chamber of Commerce, to whom the money was entrusted for disposal. At a committee meeting on the 23rd instant, says the *Press*, it was decided that the prize should be withdrawn, on the ground that such a competition would only tend to advertise the port's depressed condition to a greater extent, which was undesirable. Nagasaki was now beyond the talking stage, and required all the available energy of its citizens in practical work for its promotion to prosperity.

EUROPEAN'S FATAL FALL.

D. B. McKenzie, who was for six years in the Hongkong Police, but latterly had no definite calling or occupation, met his death on Sunday. While in the Praya East Hotel he fell down stairs and fractured his skull, succumbing to his injuries shortly after his admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

He was buried at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the Rev. C. H. Hickling conducting the burial service.

THE STOCKS AGAIN.

Another case of a man being sentenced to undergo six hours in the stocks was reported yesterday. The prisoner was prosecuted by Inspector Robertson for snatching an ear pick from a woman in the street. He made off when the woman raised the alarm but he ran into the arms of a lunkong. Mr. Kemp ordered him to go to prison for twelve months, to receive 24 strokes with the birch and to be put in the stocks for six hours.

A NIGHT OF MIRACLES.

Sunday night at the Central Police Station was more than usually interesting by reason of the two apparent miracles that were worked in the charge room, an apparently dead man being brought to life again and a presumably deaf man being made to hear. The two men were brought to the station by a detective. He, keen officer that he is, hearing a whistle blown in Des Vœux Road, proceeded in the direction of the sound, and came upon a man lying on the ground, while another was making off. One of the Tram Company's lineamen came to the assistance of the officer and captured the runaway. Meanwhile the officer examined the fellow on the ground. He lifted an arm, only to see it fall limply by the prone man's side. He tried his leg next with the same result. Then he opened an eye, but rather remarkably, the optic closed again. Nonplussed, but suspicious, the detective took the pair to the station, where in the presence of an Inspector, the same performance was repeated. The astute officer, determining to bring the farce to a conclusion, speaking in Chinese, told a lunkong to fetch the plague ambulance as the man was dying with plague, and that in the interval he would have to operate upon him with a knife and open his neck. The right eye of the recumbent man opened slightly when the words were spoken, but he still remained on the floor. When the scissors were produced and the detective made as if to cut under the man's ear the apparently dead man leaped to his feet and declared that he was quite well. The farce did not end here though. The other man, who feigned deafness, was next treated. The detective discovered that he also suffered from plague and made pretence to operate on his neck with the scissors when this man also found his hearing and joyfully asserted that he was quite well again. All that he wanted was compensation from the other man with whom he had fought. Both rascals got their liberty and the police remained to laugh.

TELEGRAMS.

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AN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT.

Tokyo, March 8th.
It is understood that the Hon Oscar S. Straus, who was Minister for Commerce and Labour in President Roosevelt's Cabinet, has been nominated Ambassador to Tokyo in succession to Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien.

[REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

CLOSING OF RUSSIAN FREE PORTS.

London, March 8th.
A St. Petersburg dispatch announces that the law closing the free ports in the Amur and Trans-Baikalian provinces becomes operative on the 14th March.

THE KING.

London, March 8th.
The King left Paris for Biarritz. Whenever his Majesty was seen on the street he was hailed with cordial cheers.

London, March 8th.
H. M. the King has arrived at Biarritz.

INTERVENTION IN PERSIA INEVITABLE.

London, March 8th.
The "Novoye Vremya" (St. Petersburg) states that Anglo-Russian intervention in Persia is inevitable. They must demand that the Shah shall take steps assuring adequate popular control of the administration. If representations fail, Great Britain and Russia will be compelled to resort to stronger methods. Meanwhile they must take measures to protect their subjects and increase the guards at the Legations and Consulates.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

FUND FOR THE CHINESE NAVY.

Peking, March 7th.
The Prince Regent has resolved to devote the money left by the late Empress Dowager to the re-organisation of the Chinese Navy.

[FROM THE MANILA "CABLENEWS."]

A SAN FRANCISCO ALDERMAN SENTENCED.

San Francisco, March 3.
Supervisor Coffey, one of the boodling members of the city council of this city, has been sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for accepting bribes. He is the first of the supervisors to be sent to prison. Coffey was implicated in the series of scandals of which Abe Ruef was the chief figure.

ADMIRAL SCHROEDER RELIEVES ADMIRAL SPERRY.

Washington, March 3rd.
Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder has succeeded Rear Admiral Charles B. Sperry in command of the Atlantic fleet.

A SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Washington, March 3rd.
Lieutenant Evans, U. S. Navy, will lose but fifty numbers. He was tried by court-martial for misconduct and it was proved that he was drunk and disorderly at various times during the stay of the Battleship Fleet in the Orient. He was sentenced to lose 150 numbers which President Roosevelt has now commuted to fifty. He is the son of Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans.

NEGRO EMIGRANTS.

Washington, March 3.
President Roosevelt has named Robert Ogden as chairman of the commission that will visit Liberia in connection with the project to send another colony of negroes there.

Rev. Booker T. Washington has been named as a member of the commission.

PRESIDENT TAFT ON HIS PREDECESSOR.

Washington, March 3rd.
President-elect Taft, in a formal utterance, classed President Roosevelt with Washington and Lincoln. He said that history would accord Roosevelt his place as one of the three greatest Presidents of the United States. Mr. Taft lauded Mr. Roosevelt for his right principles, his courage and his statesmanship. He said that in the retirement of Mr. Roosevelt from the position of chief executive of the nation, a tremendous force for righteousness and for civic reform was lost to a degree. He hoped that Mr. Roosevelt would continue to inspire Americans with his wonderful personality and his dynamic energy.

A CLASSICAL CONCERT.

Lovers of classic music had a rare treat last night when they assembled in the City Hall to hear the Herbert Withers Company. As is already known, this combination is composed of leading artists in the musical world, whose reputation is not confined to one country, and their appearance in Hongkong must therefore be regarded as a noteworthy event. The audience might have been more numerous, but even if there were a few empty seats there was no lack of appreciation or enthusiasm.

The programme was comprehensive without being lengthy. It embraced two appearances by Madame Sobrin, the court singer of Spain, a lady with a remarkable soprano voice; two entries on the part of Mr. Charles Bonnet, a baritone of wonderful power; two separate appearances by Mr. Withers and one by Madame Elay. Madame Sobrin's clear ringing voice and expressive singing made her at once a great favourite and her two appearances were enjoyed. Madame Elay was no less popular as a pianist, her rendering of "Irish rhapsodie" rousing the enthusiasm of her auditors who would not be satisfied until she complied with their demand for an encore, while Mr. Charles Bonnet was the subject of a great ovation on both his entries. His singing was indeed a revelation, his powerful cultured voice and appropriate rendering of his several selections fairly captivating his auditors. Mr. Herbert Withers showed himself a thorough master of the cello and it is safe to say that seldom if ever before in Hongkong has this instrument been heard to such advantage. He also had to respond to several encores.

The talented company will give another performance to-night when there will be complete changes of programme.

UNION WATER BOAT COMPANY.

The fourth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co. Ltd. was held at the offices of Messrs Dalrymple & Co. Ltd. yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. G. Barrett (Chairman), presided and there were also present Messrs J. W. C. Bonnar, Duncan Clark, R. Shawan, H. J. Van den Bosch (Consulting Committee), E. Coughtrie (Secretary), J. D. Auld, G. Morton Smith, E. A. G. May T. Petrie, and B. Mori.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting, the CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, I presume I can dispense with the formality of reading over the report and accounts. There have been no additions to our fleet during the year and I am glad to say we have had no losses. One of our boats however was sunk in shallow water during the typhoon of last July but was successfully raised and reconditioned at a cost of \$1,400. The boats have all been kept in thorough repair and the expenses debited direct to Working Account. Our Marine Surveyor reports that all our twelve boats are in first class condition. From the accounts you will notice there is a profit on the year's trading of a little more than \$35,000—being over \$6,000 more than the previous year, and the amount available for distribution is \$29,971.31 out of which sum it is proposed to pay a dividend of 6 per cent absorbing \$16,633.80, write off the value of the waterboats \$13,165—and carry forward to next account \$172.51, which I trust will meet with the approval of the shareholders. At the last meeting our Chairman said the Company would endeavour to create an Insurance Fund to cover the risk on the uninsured boats, but we are not at present in position to do so. We propose however to write a substantial sum off the value of the boats, some of which are getting rather ancient, and this will answer the same purpose as creating an Insurance Fund. I am half afraid, gentlemen, to mention trade depression, I think this has been referred to in nearly every report presented to the Public during the last two years. However I hope when the shipping trade does improve, and if we do not suffer severely from typhoons, we shall be able to pay you increased dividends in future. I now beg to move that the report and accounts be received, approved and adopted. After this resolution has been seconded I shall be pleased to reply to any question shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. AULD seconded and the report was adopted. On the motion of Mr. J. D. AULD, seconded by Mr. M. SMITH, the appointment of Mr. H. J. Van den Bosch and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar to the Consulting Committee was confirmed. The CHAIRMAN—That completes the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants can be had on application.

THE ABSCONDING SHROFF.

Yesterday morning Chief Detective Inspector Hanson boarded the steamer *Chin Hua* from Shanghai and took into custody Yeung Leung who had been arrested at Shanghai on a charge of having stolen \$52,747.71, the property of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on the 3rd June, 1905. Prisoner was receiving shroff in the bank here and it is alleged that he absconded on the date mentioned with the day's takings, which amounted to the sum mentioned.

Mr. Geddes appeared to prosecute when the defendant was brought before the Magistrate late in the day, but the case was remanded.

NEW NETHERLANDS CONSUL FOR HONGKONG.

Mr. J. H. de Reus, who has been acting Dutch Minister in Venezuela, has been appointed Consul-General in Hongkong. He succeeds Mr. Javer Droze, who for many years filled the office at Hongkong. Mr. Droze had been appointed Dutch Minister at Peking shortly before his death, which occurred in Holland in December last. Mr. Baekhyzen has looked after the Dutch interests here since the departure of Mr. Droze. Mr. de Reus, it will be remembered, was prominently concerned in the recent dispute between Holland and Venezuela, it being alleged that in a letter home he passed a criticism on President Castro which incensed that gentleman when it was published, and led to his ordering Mr. de Reus to leave Caracas.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

THE HONGKONG SHIELD.

BUFFS V. H.M.S. "KENT".

The Buffs met H.M.S. *Kent* in the semi-final of the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The exceptionally large attendance witnessed a good game, but the soldiers proved the better team and won by three goals to nil.

The teams lined up as under:
Buffs: Fitzpatrick; Baxter and Ralor; Daro, Holloway and Tamsitt; Kelly, Brewster, Taylor, Drow and Barker.

H.M.S. *Kent*: Mansforth; Cole and Duncan; Butler, Gerald and Peard; Westlake, Hanks, Williams, Keely and Lemon.

The game was started by the *Kent* who were early called upon to defend. A penalty against them saw the Buffs pressing on their stronghold and Taylor making the first attempt to score. He headed the leather before the net, but sent it too high. Then the *Kents* got away and the Buff defence had as anxious time, but succeeded in clearing. During the struggle, however, Keely got a nasty kick on the face, and although blood was flowing freely he declined to desert his position. The struggle continued before the Buffs' net, but was relieved by a foul being granted to the keeper who was charged before he took possession of the ball. The sailors were then placed on the defensive, and Taylor essayed a shot, but put too much vigour into the kick. Kelly, however, was more fortunate, and after defeating Cole he put in a splendid shot and registered the Buffs' first goal. The soldiers continued aggressive, and some clever passing by Brewster and Drow carried the leather into the danger zone. Cole cleared nicely, and the *Kent* got away, but it was not long before they were again called upon to defend. The smart play of the sailor defence, however, held the fort until the whistle sounded.

Half-time: Buffs, 1; H.M.S. *Kent*, 0.
The *Kents* started off with a dash in the second half, but the skilful and combined play of the soldiers soon carried the leather into *Kent* territory. From a corner Taylor took a snapshot, but kicked too high. Then the *Kent* quintette took charge of the ball and after carrying it nicely down the field a good opening occurred for Keely, but the kick went to the wrong side of the upright. Another opportunity was vouchsafed by Lemon, but there was too much force in the kick. The Buffs now forced the sailors back on their stronghold and Brewster placed some excellent centres. It was some-time, however, before they were taken advantage of. The soldiers made determined efforts to score, but the defence of the *Kent* was excellent, and it was some-time before it could be broken down. An opportunity eventually opened for Drow, and he promptly took advantage of it and added a second goal to the Buffs' score. Play was stopped shortly after this, Keely of the *Kent* getting a kick on the abdomen, which necessitated his removal from the field. The sailors continued with ten men, but the game henceforth was all in the hands of the Buffs, the leather seldom passing out of *Kent* territory. Several good attempts were made by the Buff forwards, but only one ball got through, and that was an excellent kick of Taylor's.

Final: Buffs, 3; H.M.S. *Kent*, 0.

RUGBY MATCH.

HONGKONG CLUB V. THE FRENCH CRUISE.

"D'ENTRECASTEAUX"

The following will represent the Club in the match v. The French Cruiser *D'Entrecasteaux* to-day:—Shaw, Carroll, Claxton, Mann Hall, McIlraith, Blackburn, Oliver, Bailey, Lester Stanton, Hone, Wolfe, Linton. Warbrook. Kick off 5 o'clock.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Monday, March 8th.

BEFORE COMMANDER BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

FAILING TO ENTER.

Lieutenant C. W. Beckwith, Assistant Harbour Master, proceeded against Captain G. Edwards, master of the British steamer *Telmachus*, for failing to enter his ship at the Harbour Office within twenty-four hours after arrival in port.

Defendant pleaded guilty, remarking that he sent the commodore to enter the ship.

Prosecutor informed his Worship that this practice was becoming increasingly common.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

TOO NEAR SHORE.

Four native boatwomen were prosecuted by Constable O'Connor for mooring their boats within one hundred yards of low water mark during prohibited hours.

Defendants pleaded guilty, and in each instance a fine of \$5 was imposed.

ANCHORING IN THE FAIRWAY.

Lance-Sergeant Edwards proceeded against Jens Jorgensen, master of the Norwegian steamer *Thordis*, for anchoring his ship within the limits of the Central Fairway.

Defendant informed the Court that he came in through Lyemou, but was unable to get a pilot. He passed Kowloon and anchored where he did because he saw there was room. The Central Fairway was not marked on his chart, and he had never entered the harbour from the east before. He had no port regulations.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

SHIPPING NOTES.

It is not known whether the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's steamer the "Kutang" will be brought back to Hongkong or taken to Shanghai. A large part of the cargo for Shanghai and Japan is undamaged and it is not unlikely that she will proceed northwards if possible. The Norwegian salvage steamer Protector proceeded to the scene of the wreck on Sunday but not under engagement.

Captain Philip Going, well-known as late commander of the *America-maru*, left Yokohama recently for New Zealand, to take up an important position there.

When passing through the Inland Sea of Japan recently the M.M. steamer *Salasie* rescued sixteen persons who were seen clinging to the debris of a wrecked junk and struggling against a heavy sea and a strong current running at eight knots. The rescued persons were brought on board the liner in an exhausted condition from which, however, with prompt attention, they quickly recovered. Three of the junk's passengers were apparently drowned. The junk had been dashed to pieces on a rock in a sudden squall.

A Japanese newspaper reports that some Chinese shipowners are contemplating the engagement of Japanese marine officers for their vessels. At present, says the journal, Chinese steamers are almost entirely officered by British and Germans, whose services command a very high rate of pay. The Japan Marine Association was recently approached in the matter, it is said, but its Directors were unfavorable to the project, one of the reasons given being that Japanese officers lacked the requisite knowledge of English and Chinese. The members of the Association, however, complain of the Directors' action and it is expected that further consideration will be given to the question.

The Pacific mail liners are to make Manila a port of call during the balance of the present year. One steamer is to call there each month, the first of the vessels to come to Manila under the new arrangement being the *Mongolia*, due the latter part of this month. The vessels are to go to Manila direct from Nagasaki and will make the return trip to San Francisco via Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan ports.

Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company (Limited) were notified last month that the Norddeutscher Lloyd Shipping Company have given them orders to equip with the Marconi wireless system nine of their steamers, as follows:—*König Albert*, *Friedrich der Grosse*, *Prinzessin Alice*, *Barbarossa*, *Königin Luise*, *Prinzessin Irene*, *Rhein*, *Main* and *Nekar*. The Paris *Matin* states that M. Cruppi, French Minister for Commerce, following the example recently set by the United States, is introducing a Bill to provide for the installation of wireless telegraphs apparatus on all French mail steamers of more than a certain tonnage. The United States House of Representatives has passed the Bill making wireless telegraphy compulsory on board passenger ocean steamers.

The Naval Court of Inquiry concerning the recent stranding of the C.P.R. *Empress of China* in the Inland Sea, while on her way from Nagasaki to Kobe was held at the British Consulate-General in Kobe on the 25th ult. Mr. Henry Bonar, British Consul-General, presided, Mr. St. John George, master of the *Aldenham*, and Mr. C. J. Belton, master of the *Banca*, sitting as assessors. Evidence was given by Captain Archibald, master of the vessel, by Captain J. S. Stevenson, the pilot, by Captain J. Muir, dock master of the Mitsui Bishen Dockyard in Kobe (who was called as an expert witness to give evidence as to the abnormal sets of the tide at the place where the vessel grounded), by Mr. A. O. Cooper, the chief officer, and several other officers of the ship, and after a prolonged sitting in private the finding of the Court was announced, of which the following is the substance:—"That the standing of the *Empress of China* was due to too fine a course—under the conditions of weather then prevailing—having been set from Motayama buoy by the pilot in charge of the vessel and no precautions having been taken by the pilot and chief officer to verify the position of the ship by taking soundings at or before five o'clock, a time when Hineshima light should have been in sight, which soundings would have shown that the ship was to the southward of her course, and in a dangerous position by the set. Under these circumstances the Court finds that the master must be held free from blame." Reference was also made in the judgement to the fact that after the accident every precaution was taken to ensure the safety of the passengers. The master being a party to the proceedings, was ordered to pay the Court costs, amounting to £7 14s. 9d.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. str. *Princess Alice*, left Shanghai on the 6th inst. at 10 p.m., and may be expected here to-day at daylight.
The C. & M. str. *Zuyto* left Manila on the 6th inst. at 2 p.m., and is due here to-day at daylight.
The P. & O. str. *Sumatra*, left Singapore for this Port on the 6th inst. at 11 a.m. and is due here on the 11th inst. at about 10 p.m.
The Danish str. *Tranquebar* left Singapore on the 6th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.
The Bank Line str. *Craigpatric* left Moji on the 7th inst. for Hongkong.
The C.P.R. str. *Montevideo* arrived Nagasaki at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday the 7th inst., and left again at 5.30 p.m. same day for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 5 a.m. on the 9th inst.
The J.-C.-J. str. *Tyidoba* left Kobe on the 7th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.
The H.-A. Line str. *Ambria* left Singapore on the 6th inst. p.m., and may be expected on or about the 13th inst. a.m.

YOKING THE NILE.

NEW DAMMAGE OPENED BY THE KHEDIVÉ.

The Khedive on the 9th ult. performed the ceremony of opening the Ibra or Enah Barrage, a fitting sequel to the great works of the dam at Assuan and the barrage at Assiut and, like them, conceived and carried out by British engineers and contractors. A distinguished gathering included most of the members of the Ministry, Sir Eldon Gorst, Sir William Garstin, Major Macaulay, Director of the State Railways, and Mr. A. Webb, Adviser to the Public Works Ministry.

Imam Pasha Sirry, Ministry of Public Works, addressing the Khedive, stated that the barrage, of which, his Highness would that day lay the last stone, would not only save the province of Kenh from all danger of a calamitous drought, but would improve the conditions of irrigation over 350,000 feddans (about 350,500 acres) of land within its direct radius of action. Moreover, the Treasury would be relieved of a heavy burden, having no longer to make provision against a drought.

The Minister continued: "It is to the able and wise conceptions of Sir William Garstin, Councillor of the Ministry of Public Works, and his predecessor, Mr. A. Webb, that the credit is due for this work, so fruitful in happy results."

"The new barrage, situated at a distance by river of about 162 kilometres north of the reservoir of Assuan, stretches across the Nile at a height of 9.50 metres above low-water mark. It is 900 metres long and is pierced by 124 doors with opening of five metres, and at its western extremity is a lock 80 metres by 16, for the purpose of carrying on navigation. The upper part of the barrage includes a public road 6 metres wide connecting the two banks of the river."

"The work of construction has been entrusted for the masonry to Messrs. John Aird and Co., and for the installations and materials in iron and steel to Messrs. Bannocks and Napier. COST A MILLION.

"Begun after the Nile flood of 1905, the work has been carried out so energetically that it is now completely finished, eighteen months before the time allowed by the contract. Great praise is due to the firms employed for the prompt conclusion of the work, also to Mr. M. Macdonald, Director-General of Reservoirs, Mr. E. H. Lloyd, the local engineer, and all the natives and Europeans concerned. The total cost of the barrage, with subsidiary works, is £2,100,000."

The Khedive, in reply, made a speech eulogising the work and the workers. He concluded:—"In the name of God, from Whom all blessings flow, I declare open the Ibra Barrage, a source of prosperity for Egypt and her inhabitants. The Khedive then laid the commemorative stone. His Highness conferred decorations on the occasion on Mr. Webb, Sir John Aird, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Macleod.

CLIMAX OF A GIANTIC ENGINEERING FEAT. Everyone knows that the Nile valley has for thousands of years been irrigated by floods which poured over the banks, and receding, left behind a deposit of moist rich mud to yield a good harvest. But these floods were not always to be depended upon. Now and again would occur high or low Niles, which caused these seven-year periods of plenty or famine described in the story of Joseph. Now, like another miracle-working device comes the British engineer: to carry out the great scheme of dams and barrages just completed by Messrs. John Aird and Co. of London.

First came the great dam at Assuan, constructed by the late Sir Benjamin Baker, 753 miles from the sea. This is now being raised, so that it will hold back 2,300 million tons of flood water to be delivered to the lower reaches of the river when required. Later were built three open weirs or barrages, at the level of the river at Assiut, at the level of the river at Assiut, and at the level of the river at Assiut.

There are at Assiut, 110 miles below Assuan at Assiut, 408 miles from the sea, and at Zifta, across one of the arms of the delta. The formal opening of the Ibra barrage completes the gigantic engineering feat. Of natives alone, for unskilled labour, 10,000 were employed, and the camel, that takes the mind back to the days of Pharaoh, worked and grunted beside the hissing and clamour of the latest steam engine.

How does the scheme work, and what will it effect? In the dam at Assuan are huge iron gates that open at the touch of a button to let the water through. Every morning a message comes over the wire from Cairo, to tell how much water is wanted, and a gate is opened accordingly. Then along hundreds of miles of river the peasantry have just enough water for their crops, and at each barrage the flood is held just high enough to fill the irrigating canals. As a result, the land will now raise two crops instead of one, cotton and sugar in the summer, and grain and cereals in the winter. These works mean, too, that cataraacts have disappeared, and the great water highway is navigable where once the torrents roared.

THE NEW NAVAL BASE.

CONTRACT PLACED.

The *Daily Telegraph* understands that the contract for the construction of the new naval base at Rosyth, on the Firth of Forth, has been placed with Messrs. Easton Gibb and Co., of 1, Great George-street, Westminster. This scheme is estimated to cost £3,250,000. The late Government secured for the purpose 1,184 acres of land with 285 acres of foreshore. The principal items in the proposal are finally adopted:—A basin with an area of 524 acres, and a depth of 36ft. Sin., giving a total wharfage of 7,180ft.

Entrance lock, available for use as a dock, 850ft. long, 110ft. wide at the entrance, and 36ft. over all at low water of spring tides. A straight river wharf, 2,735ft. long, with 36ft. depth at high-water neap tides, and so constructed as to enable a depth of 36ft. at low water of spring tides to be dredged.

Dry dock, 750ft. long, 100ft. wide, at entrance and with 36ft. of water over the sill. This dock will be so built as to facilitate subdivision, so as to form, as required, two separate docks, 450ft. and 300ft. in length respectively.

Boat slip, 200ft. long by 130ft. wide, half roofed in.

Basin for submarines (and temporarily for destroyers), 600ft. long by 470ft. wide, with a depth of 15ft. at low water spring tides. Floating dock, 250ft. long, for submarines and destroyers.

Magazine for the storage of ammunition.

Space for stacking coal is provided on ground to the south of the entrance lock.

Workshops, storehouses, and the usual equipment of a base for naval repairs.

It is estimated that the works will take seven years to construct, but the contractor can earn a premium by completing them sooner. Provision has been made for the construction at some future date of two more docks, parallel with the one.

WHAT A TARIFF CAN DO.

JAPANESE WOOLLEN INDUSTRY.

The following notes on the Japanese Army Woollen Factory at Senju (states the *Board of Trade Journal*) have been received from the Commercial Attache at Yokohama (Mr. E. F. Crowe):—

"The Senju woollen mill is one of the several industrial concerns which were started by the Government so as to show the Japanese people how large enterprises might be organised and run. All the others have since been sold by the Government to private individuals or companies—the woolen mill alone has always remained an official concern, although it has been run by various departments. It should also be noted that when the authorities started this factory, they also imported sheep and sent them to Shimosa, where the Imperial Stud Farm is now. This latter experiment has not, however, proved so great a success as the former."

"There are 10,145 spindles in the mill and 250 looms. The maximum daily output is 76 tan or pieces (1 tan varying from 23 to 35 yards according to quality) of woollen cloth. The average daily output is of tan of cloth and 300 blankets. The amount of wool consumed from April, 1907 to March, 1908, comprised 2,037,225lb from Australia, 241,048lb from India, 542,490lb from China, and 18,965lb of home-grown. The motive power is supplied by eleven steam engines of 579-h.p., one steam turbine of 100-h.p., and one gas engine of 5-h.p. The turbine, however, and two of the steam engines (15-h.p.) are for the electric light plant."

"For the making of army cloth nothing but pure wool is used. There is, however, a mungo plant in which the waste yarns rejected pieces of cloth, &c., are converted into mungo. Old army rags, too, are sometimes used, but the mungo obtained is not employed in the manufacture of army cloth. There is a carbonising plant which is used for carbonising the vegetable matter out of the Australian wool. Of the machinery, some is British and some German."

Mr. Crowe was told that during the war cloth was purchased in large quantities from England, but that Japan could at present supply her own army requirements with the output from this mill and some of the other woollen mills in the country. This amazing result, produced in so short a time, has only been rendered possible by a tax on the foreign manufactured article."

Another paragraph in the *Journal* runs:—"The Commercial Attache at Yokohama (Mr. E. F. Crowe) reports that an American importer of machinery, &c., has set up a factory at Kawasaki, between Tokyo and Yokohama, for the manufacture of photographic records, &c. The import duty on these articles in Japan is 50 per cent. *ad valorem*, and it is thought that by manufacturing in the country itself a considerable saving will be effected. The demand for photographic plates in Japan has been gradually increasing in recent years, and the total imports in 1907 amounted to over £25,000. During the first ten months of 1908, however, there was a falling-off from £22,000 to £14,000. Nearly the whole of this import comes from the United States."

FIRE AT SHANGHAI.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.

What proved to be an extensive fire broke out in the French concession on the 2nd inst. at 3.15 a.m. The fire, the *Shanghai Mercury* says, began in a native shop close to the water tower and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's Godowns. The French fire brigade were soon in attendance, but in the meantime the fire had gained a strong hold and the flames with clouds of blinding smoke were leaping high in the air sending thousands of sparks in all directions. The brigade soon had a number of streams playing on the flames in addition to two streams from the fire engine. Most of the shops and staff were soon in attendance, but the fire continued to spread and in a short space of time a number of general shops were involved, while the flames approached dangerously near to one of the B. and S. Godowns in which was stored a quantity of gasoline and other oils used for the running of their electric plant. By dint of hard work, however, the fire was prevented from reaching the godown and was kept confined to the native shops. After nearly three hours' work, the flames were got under control, but not before seven shops and houses and one native godown, only filled with sundries had been destroyed. There were also some houses somewhat damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown, but the damage is fully covered by insurance in various companies.

SIR FREDERICK TREVES' VIEW ON RADIUM CURES.

THE INVENTIVE GENIUS OF EDISON.

Some remarkable cures of various human ailments achieved by the use of radium were described on January 25, by the eminent surgeon, Sir Frederick Treves, in the course of a lecture at the London Hospital.

There is a great future for this remedy, declared Sir Frederick, and its limitations have not been found.

A remarkable case was that of a young woman who had a growth which nearly occupied one side of the face. She had had a great number of operations, almost with no success. Under radium she was cured, and the speaker said he did not think anyone could have told what had been the cause of the very evident scar. A child of twelve years with an angiosarcoma situated in the arm, the size of a hen's egg, was treated with radium from two sides, and was cured within four weeks. In many cases eczema itching had been immediately cured, and it did not return. Radium would also cure rodent ulcers in short, it would effect a cure where the X-rays had failed.

Sir Frederick showed a small glass tube about an inch and a half long, and an eighth of an inch in diameter, containing radium which he said was worth £300. If radium were sunk to such a stage that it would be worth its weight in gold it would be exceedingly cheap.

By putting a tube of radium into a sealed vessel, full of water, and a penny in the bottom of the vessel, it would be found that the penny would become radio-active. If they broke the vessel, every piece would be fire active, and the quality would be retained for a long time. The same remark applied to the penny. If they washed the pieces of the vessel or the coin the substance used for cleaning would become radio-active. Quite possibly, he added, the future of radium lay in the emanation.

A friend was treated with injections of the solution of the emanation, and the effects were astonishing. Each little injection produced a sore such as he (Sir Frederick) had never seen in the whole of his experience. Radio-active water was sold to surgeons in several towns, and much sought after. Indeed, at one place radio-active water came from a spa where the public might drink it. But then, said Sir Frederick, amidst laughter, the public would drink anything.

The *Bangkok Times* learns from the British Legation in that city that there never was any foundation for the report that Bangkok is to be visited by the British Admiral on the station, or by a British gunboat.

ENGLAND AND SIAM.

PROPOSED CESSION OF TERRITORY.

Reuters' Agency in London learns that the negotiations which were commenced in 1907 and suspended last spring, between Great Britain and Siam for the cession to Great Britain of the Siam States of Kelantan, Tringano, and Kelah, have been resumed, and that an agreement on the subject has been practically reached. There is reason to believe that an Anglo-Siam treaty by which, in return for certain advantages, Siam will renounce her suzerainty over the States in question, in favour of Great Britain, is likely to be signed at Bangkok in the immediate future. The British Minister at Bangkok, who came home last spring in order to provide the British Cabinet with fuller information with regard to the proposed agreement, returned to Siam in December with the latest views of the British Government on the subject. Since then active negotiations have been in progress at Bangkok with the results above indicated.

The immediate effect of the conclusion of such a treaty will be the inclusion in the Federated Malay States of an area of about 15,000 miles, or more than half the present area of the Federated Malay States. The territory in question contains a large Mohammedan population, amongst whom are a considerable number of British subjects, exceeding that of the Federated Malay States themselves.

With regard to the above Reuters' representative was informed by Mr. R. W. Duff, the managing director of an English company which holds, until 1940, extensive commercial, fiscal and other rights in Kelantan, that it is incorrect to assume that this cession of territory has been given as a *quid pro quo* for the relinquishment of British extra-territorial rights in Siam proper, although it is quite possible that this question may also form part of the treaty.

It is much more likely, he added, that advantage of a commercial nature have been granted to Siam in return. The proposed arrangement will strengthen the position of Great Britain in the Malay Peninsula, and will effectively prevent the possibility of the establishment of any important foreign interest which might lead to disputes in dependence of Siam which are remote from effective control from Bangkok. It is also important, as the population of the three States are largely Mohammedans who have always been dissatisfied with attempted administration by a Hinduist Government. From a strategic point, it is valuable, is the Federated Malay States railway system, which extends from Singapore to Penang, can now be extended considerably further northward. Moreover, it is found expedient, there are no natural difficulties to prevent the extension of the line to a point within a very few miles short of the projected southern railway of Siam. This last-named line, it should be remembered, runs throughout the whole of its length in that portion of South Siam which, under the Anglo-French Agreement, falls within the political sphere of Great Britain.

THE BURIAL OF THE EMPEROR KWANG HSU.

EUROPEAN PRINCES OF THE BLOOD TO ATTEND.

The Peking correspondent of the *Tientsin Times* says:—

The first of May of the Western calendar has positively been decided upon by the Astronomers for the removal from the Forbidden City, of the Coffin of His Majesty the late Emperor of China.

The Burying place has been selected in the Tung Ling, or the Eastern Catacombs, and not in the Kie Ling as was anticipated. This is the Western of the two Imperial grave-yards of the present Dynasty, both of which are situated some miles distant from Peking.

The Prince Regent was much affected when the degree of several governments became known that foreign Princes should attend in person the funeral rites.

For instance, it has already been officially intimated that Russia and Germany will be represented and probably also Austria Hungary by a Prince of the Imperial blood.

Japan first expressed the desire to send a near relative of the Mikado as representative, but this is not yet decided.

The burial of the *Empress Dowager* will not take place this year and it is hardly probable that this year's ceremony will be so elaborately arranged.

EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATION AT SHANGHAI.

We extract the following from a report of the annual meeting of members of the St. George's Society of Shanghai:

The Chairman (Mr. H. E. Holson)—The third item on the programme is to decide on the manner of our annual celebration. The Committee are in favour of a Fete being held on the same lines as last year on Empire Day. I may say that the Committee have discussed the question of making this Fete a combined function embracing the different sections of the Empire, but they feel that it would not be wise to suggest this course to the kindred societies for many reasons, but if any member has any suggestions to make it shall receive the attention of the Committee. If no other suggestions are forthcoming I shall put the resolution to the meeting.—Proposed by Mr. Burrett, and seconded by Mr. E. Carr, that as an annual celebration of the St. George's Society this year a Fete be given on Empire Day, on the lines of last year, the arrangements being left to the Committee.

Considerable discussion ensued as to the form the celebration should take. An amendment was proposed by Mr. A. M. A. Brans that the celebration should be on St. George's day and not on Empire Day. This was defeated and finally the resolution read by the chairman was adopted.

Mr. E. S. Little suggested that the committee should endeavour to arrange some method by which every British subject should be given a chance to participate in the celebration of Empire Day.

On behalf of the committee the chairman said they would do everything to meet Mr. Little's suggestion.

The committee who had charge of the arrangements for last year's celebration were accorded a hearty vote of thanks and the meeting then terminated.

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DR. SVEN H. DIN'S ADVENTURES IN TIBET.

PERILS BY ICE AND SNOW.

It was quite in the nature of things that the first lecture given before an audience in England by Dr. Sven Hedin on his recent expedition in Tibet should be under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society, and Queen's Hall was crowded from floor to gallery on the 8th ult. to hear the intrepid explorer's account of his wanderings in hitherto unknown regions beyond the Himalayas. Major Leonard Darwin was in the chair, and beside him sat Viscount Morley, Secretary of State for India, who made an interesting speech in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Amongst others present were the Duke of Newcastle, Lord Balfour, Lord Basing, Lord Radstock, Lord Hindlip, the Italian, Austrian, and Russian Ambassadors, the Swedish, Norwegian, and Danish Ministers, Sir F. Dixon-Hartland, Sir Henry Bulwer, Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont, Sir John Kirk, Sir David Gill, Sir Clement Hill, Sir George S. Mackenzie, General Sir W. H. Seymour, Admiral Sir Albert Markham, Colonel Sir Henry Trotter, Admiral the Hon. Sir E. Fremantle, General Sir B. E. Edwards, General Sir H. Thwaites, Sir C. Howard, General Sir R. Harrison, General Sir W. G. Knox, Admiral Sir N. Bowden-Smith, General Sir T. Gordon, Sir P. Sanderson, Sir C. Scott Moncrieff, Sir R. Ritchie, Colonel Sir E. Leach, General Sir H. Lane, General Sir E. H. Hutton, Sir C. R. Hunter, Sir C. Elliott, Sir A. Birch, General Sir C. Parsons, Sir Felix Schuster, Sir W. Brangton Gordon, Sir Archibald Gekkie (president of the Royal Society), Sir W. Ramsay (president of the Chemical Society), Sir W. Armstrong, Admiral Sir F. W. Richards, Major Gen. A. Hanbury Tracy, Captain R. F. Scott, General Douglas Haigh, Colonel H. G. Austin, and Admiral A. M. Field.

The President, in conveying the society's welcome to Dr. Hedin, described him as the man who, without doubt, had done more than any single individual had ever done to add to the knowledge possessed by the civilised world of Central Asia. (Cheers.) He reminded the audience of Dr. Hedin's last two visits to London. The first was in 1893, shortly after he had concluded his great four years' journey in Central Asia, and in connection with which he was awarded the society's Founder's Medal.

After spending three more years in the same inhospitable regions, Dr. Hedin in 1903 again described his adventures, and was awarded the Victoria Medal. (Cheers.)

Dr. Hedin began his lecture by describing the general physical geography of the country of Tibet, the area of which is four times as big as France. After an allusion to the remarkable parallel arrangement of the mountain ranges, he mentioned that between the several ranges stretching through the whole of Chang-tang, there are lateral valleys, every one of which is divided into a great number of self-contained basins, i.e., without outlet to the ocean, or even to Easter Turkistan or Taidam. In the bottom of almost every such depression is a salt lake, where the rock salt, carried down by small brooks, is accumulated since thousands of years. Many different agencies are working constantly to level out the country. The lecturer's panoramas showed how very level the land is as a whole, in the same way as the ocean seen from ship deck, even if the waves are as high as they possibly can be. The whole of Tibet is like a vast, gigantic wave of which, driven up by northern or southern winds, waves have been changed into stone in the moment of their worst fury. On the ocean every ninth wave is said to be higher than the rest—in Tibet the case is the same. It is the tangential pressure in the earth's crust that has forced these ranges to rise.

THE JOURNEY.

Coming to his journey, Dr. Hedin pointed out on his map the route he took in 1896, that in 1900, and his latest route. It looks as carefully planned and comfortable as the map, he said, "but in reality it is a very serious and difficult thing to cross the whole of Tibet from north to south. I left Lash on Aug. 17, 1906, with the strongest caravan I have ever had; twenty-five men, Ladakis, and ninety-seven ponies and mules, and thirty ponies hired for the first month. Of the animals only six came through."

Describing the earlier portion of the journey, the traveller said that on the heights of the Bukha-mangra range they lost nine miles in one day, but to the south the country became more and more hospitable, with plenty of grass and water. After eighty-three days' loneliness he found the first nomads, and then they passed black tents almost every day, and could buy yaks in the places of their dead animals. They reached Ngantse-tso on Dec. 23, and here appeared Dr. Hedin's old friend, Hladjo Tsering, with a little escort, to stop him, but he eventually gave permission to continue the journey towards Shigatse, although it cost Hladjo Tsering his place and rank. Dr. Hedin arrived at Shigatse on Feb. 7, 1907. A few days later a lama and an official arrived from Douchung. They had with a little force followed the doctor from Ngantse-tso, with orders from Lhasa to stop and force him to return. "It," said the lecturer, "I had travelled just a little slower I should never have reached Shigatse, and never seen Tashi-tungpo and Tashilama." The most important geographical discoveries on the line from Ngantse-tso to Shigatse were the very high mountain range in Sela, which he proposed to call Nien-chentang-la, and south of it the complicated river system of a Tso-tungpo.

NEW YEAR'S FESTIVALS.

The stay in Shigatse lasted six weeks. Of his experiences there he related: "Tashilama is one of the most remarkable and fascinating monasteries I have met in my life, and I will never forget the great hospitality and kindness he showed me. I arrived just to the Lasho, or New Year's festival, and was invited to every day's play. How very wonderful and picturesque it all was! The Lasho hymns of Tashi-tungpo made a deeper impression upon me than even the church music in Kansas City or in Petersburg, or Upenzky Sober in Moscow. They are full of faith and longing of mysticism and harmony, and they lead the listener away to the land of dreams and hope."

"The Chinese High Commissioner, Thang Darin, and the Amban of Lhasa, Lien Darin, were extremely polite and kind in their letters to me; they probably wished me to go to Gyantse as it should be easier to get me down to India from there. But I did not go to Gyantse at all. The Tibetan authorities of Lhasa seemed not to know at all what to do with me. They have hardly made acquaintance with anybody who has been so difficult to get rid of as me—except Yungchubdun, of course."

HOODWINNING THE AMBASSADORS. As to the ambassadors from Lhasa, who had to deal with me which way to return, I would not tell them openly that my wish was to take some northern road where I could study the great range of Nien-chentang-la further to the west. I thought they would be suspicious, and stop me altogether. But I managed to get permission to take the Tso-tungpo road, and from there the escort took me up over the head range again, which I crossed in the

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pass Chang-la-Pod-la, and thus I got some fifty miles more of the western continuation of the range.

"Now, it was my intention to go to Dargatsumto, discovered by Nain Sing, and by help of some ruses the escort agreed to take me down there. When we were two short marches from the lake and it could be seen in the north as a thin blue line, I was stopped by a force from Shina-dong and forced to go down to Rogatsum. But I had fixed the situation of Targangri, Targatsum, and Serdik-gumpa, all three heard of but not visited by Nain Sing. And I had discovered Shun-tse, a rather big lake at the very northern foot of the head range. And now I crossed this range again in Angden-la, continuing it some sixty miles further west. From Rags we went to Saka-dang.

"Several times I tried to get permission to go north to see more of the great range, and the country north of Tso-po, but always in vain; once we tried to slip over, but were stopped by Bengha men. It was really hard to go further, and further west, and to leave more and more of the great unknown country to my right, because this patch north of the upper Brahmaputra was the greatest white patch, not only in Tibet, but on the whole surface of the earth, with only one exception, the Antarctic Continent."

"The Gods of Tradition, a great scandal, but one of my best friends in Tibet, let me go south over the Tibetan frontier and down in Nepal. The Himalayan watershed pass one crosses here is only about 300ft. above the sea level, and it should be an easy matter for modern engineering to dig a channel and force the upper Brahmaputra to become a tributary to the Ganges, although I really do not know if Northern India should become more happy for that—the Tibetans would be awfully angry, that is sure."

GEOGRAPHICAL DISCOVERIES.

Dr. Hedin next referred to his proud feeling as he stood at the Brahmap

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 17th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN, MELBURN & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 6th March, 1909. [5]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned at 12.30 p.m. THIS DAY (TUESDAY), the 9th March, 1909, at the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd inst. to the 9th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [357]

GEO. FENWICK & COMPANY, LTD.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Hongkong Hotel on SATURDAY, 13th day of March, 1909, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and electing the Director and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th to 13th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN I. ANDREW,
General Manager,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1909. [416]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, King's Building, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 19th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [400]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, King's Building, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 19th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [401]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business of Merchants and Commission Agents heretofore carried on under the Firm name of HARRY WICKING & Co., at Victoria, Hongkong, up to the 30th day of April, 1907, has been carried on by JOHN OWEN HUGHES together under the said Firm name of "HARRY WICKING & Co." on their own account, and who will be responsible for all debts and engagements of the said business as from the First day of May, 1907, and who will pay and receive all debts owing from and to the said business in the regular course of business. WITNESSE our hands at Victoria, Hongkong, this 25th day of February, 1909.

HANNAH WICKING,
the Executrix of HARRY WICKING, Deceased,
MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS,
W. CLEMENT DREW,
J. OWEN HUGHES.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-THIRD YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House, on TUESDAY, the 16th March, 1909, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,
JAMES CRAIK,
Secretary. [408]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On SATURDAY, the 6th March:—

From Western Defences in a South-Westerly to Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 a.m., and finishing at 1 p.m.

On MONDAY, the 8th March:—

From Eastern Defences in an Easterly and North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m., and finishing at 10 p.m.

On TUESDAY, the 9th March:—

From Chin Lan Chu and Devil's Peak over the area One Rise More, Buffalo Hill, Call's Head and Razor Hill, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 10.30 a.m., and finishing at 2 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All Ships, Junks and Other Vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N.,
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Hongkong, 5th March, 1909. [428]

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GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1909. [434]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, for ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 10th March, 1909, at 5 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, corner of Ice House Street.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1909. [435]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from J. Y. V. VERNON, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 12th March, 1909, at 2 p.m., within his residence, "NEWLANDS," 37, Conduit Road, THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, THEREIN CONTAINED, Comprising:—

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A View from THURSDAY, the 11th instant.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1909. [436]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE UNDER-MENTIONED VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY will, by Order of the Mortgagee, be offered for Sale by Mr. Geo. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 15th March, 1909, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Each Lot subject to a reserved price.

Lot 1. INLAND LOT 1050, with No. 13, Shauiwan Road, theoreon. Area 1050 Square feet. Crown Rent \$12 per annum. Term 99 years from 14th February, 1887.

Lot 2. INLAND LOT 1052, with No. 14, Shauiwan Road, theoreon. Area 1050 Square feet. Crown Rent \$12 per annum. Term 99 years from 14th February, 1887.

Lot 3. THE R.P. OF SHAUKI WAN LOT 529, with part of No. 34, Main Street, Shauiwan, East theoreon. Area 527 Square feet. Proportion of Crown Rent \$1.51 per annum. Term 99 years from 25th June, 186.

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Lot 5. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 178, with Nos. 77, 79, 81 and 83 Kramer Street, Taikotsui theoreon. Area 2950 Square feet. Crown Rent \$33 per annum. Term 75 years from 27th September, 1887.

Lot 6. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 179, with Nos. 85 and 87 Kramer Street, Taikotsui theoreon. Area 1500 Square feet. Crown Rent \$20 per annum. Term 75 years from 27th September, 1887.

Lot 7. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 193, with Nos. 157, 159, 161 and 163, Kramer Street, Taikotsui theoreon. Area 2175 Square feet. Crown Rent \$30 per annum. Term 75 years from 1st September, 1887.

Lot 8. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 624, with No. 63, Kramer Street, Taikotsui theoreon. Area 750 Square feet. Crown Rent \$5 per annum. Term 75 years from 29th June, 1896.

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Lot 10. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 810, with No. 24, Kramer Street, Taikotsui theoreon. Area 750 Square feet. Crown Rent \$2 per annum. Term 75 years from 1st January, 1899.

Lot 11. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 811, with No. 42, Kramer Street, Taikotsui theoreon. Area 850 Square feet. Crown Rent \$6 per annum. Term yearly.

Lot 12. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 791, with No. 8, Main Street, Fuktunheung theoreon. Area 750 Square feet. Crown Rent \$2 per annum. Term 75 years from 1st January, 1897.

Lot 13. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 792, with No. 6, Main Street, Fuktunheung theoreon. Area 750 Square feet. Crown Rent \$2 per annum. Term 75 years from 1st January, 1897.

Lot 14. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 793, with No. 4, Main Street, Fuktunheung theoreon. Area 750 Square feet. Crown Rent \$2 per annum. Term 75 years from 1st January, 1897.

Lot 15. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 794, with No. 2, Main Street, Fuktunheung theoreon. Area 750 Square feet. Crown Rent \$2 per annum. Term 75 years from 1st January, 1897.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to the AUCTIONEER or to Mr. H. K. HOLMES, Solicitor for the Vendor, 54, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Hongkong, 6th March, 1909. [430]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 15th day of March, 1909, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Conduit Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 10th July, 1899.

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Lot 1. MARINE LOT 6, with No. 19, Jervois Street theoreon. Area 1028 Square feet. Term 99 years from 14th February, 1887.

Lot 2. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 450, with No. 137, Station Street North, Mongkok, theoreon. Area 1150 Square feet. Term 75 years from 20th February, 1888.

Lot 3. KOWLOON INLAND LOT 431, with No. 135, Station Street North, Mongkok, theoreon. Area 1150 Square feet. Term 75 years from 20th February, 1888.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1909. [438]

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Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [20]

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1909.

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T. ARIMA, Manager.

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† SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	Wed. day, 10th March, Noon.
† SHANGHAI	"WAISHING"	Wed. day, 10th March, Noon.
† SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Wed. day, 10th March, 4 P.M.
† MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 12th March, 4 P.M.
† SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOI	"FOOKSANG"	Tuesday, 23rd March, Noon.

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1909.

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ATSUTA MARU	(Capt. W. THOMPSON)	About Wed. 7th April.
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KITANO MARU	(Capt. —)	About Wed. 2nd June.
HIRANO MARU	(Capt. H. FRASER)	About Wed. 30th June.

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Hongkong, 24th February, 1909.

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(THE JAPAN MAIL-STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	TAMBA MARU Capt. C. H. Butler	6134	WED. DAY, 17th March, at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and KIOHAMA	INABA MARU Capt. R. Takeda	6189	WED. DAY, 31st March at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	TOSA MARU Capt. T. Harrison	5827	TUESDAY, 16th March, at Noon
KOBE	SHINANO MARU Capt. K. Kawara	6388	TUESDAY, 30th March, at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	5539	FRIDAY, 19th March, at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Matheson	5076	FRIDAY, 19th April, at Noon
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TOTOMI MARU Capt. M. Winkler	4132	SATURDAY, 13th March, at Noon
	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Matheson	5076	WED. DAY, 17th March, at Noon
	YEBOSHI MARU Capt. H. Kon	3798	THURSDAY, 18th March, at Noon
	KANAGAWA MARU Capt. N. Ohno	6169	SATURDAY, 20th March, at Daylight

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For Further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1909.

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OUTWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE:	
S.S. AMERICA	10th March
S.S. BRISGAVIA	20th March
S.S. BELGAVIA	31st March
S.S. SILEZIA	12th April
S.S. SUEVIA	18th April
S.S. SCANDIA	27th April
S.S. SENGAMBIA	10th May
S.S. SGOVIA	17th May

Further Particulars, apply to—

Hongkong, 4th March, 1909.

HOMEWARD.

FOR ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:	
S.S. WESTPHALIA	9th March
FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:	
S.S. SAXONIA	13th March
FOR ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:	
S.S. DORTMUND	22nd March
FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:	
S.S. JLLYRIA	5th April

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GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1909.

EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
TSINGTAU and VLADIVOSTOK	"ASIA"	About 8th March.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPEN- HAGEN and ST. PETERSBURG	"CATHAY"	About 20th March.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"TRANQUEBAR"	About Mid. of March.

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MACEDONIA"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London &c., ex "Malwa"
From Calcutta, ex "Narmar"
From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.
Goods not cleared by the 10th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1909.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLAVERS,"
FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 18th instant, or they will not be recognised. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th instant, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1909.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.	
ALBESIA, German str., 3,376, Ernst, 1st March —Portland 28th Jan. and Moji 25th Feb. Flour—Portland Asiatic Steamship Co.	FEBRUARY, German str., 1,346, O. W. Green, 28th Feb.—Sourabaya 14th Feb. Sugar—
AMARA, British str., 1,565, Matlock, 3rd Mar. —Wakamatsu 26th Feb. Coal—Mitsui Bishi Goshi Kaisha.	March—Manila 2nd March. Sugar, Hemp and Sundries—Butterfield & Swire.
ANOHU, German str., 1,001, C. Kumpel, 24th Feb.—Bangkok 12th February, Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.	TELENACHUS, Brit. str., 1,340, Edwards, 2nd March—Saigon 26th February, Rice—
ARIAKE MARU, Japanese str., 2,183, T. Otta, 6th Mar.—Moji 23rd March, Coal—Itami Bussan Kaisha.	Chinese.
ASIA, Russian str., 1,000, Ausen, 5th March— Swatow 4th Mar., Ballast—Melchers & Co.	THIETWOON, Dutch str., 3,060, Jarriemans, 7th March—Batavia and Macassar 25th Feb. Sugar—Java-China-Japan Lin.
BARON DALMEY, British str., 2,503, Hey, 28th Feb.—Cardiff 9th Jan., Tarent Fuel— British Government.	THORDIS, Norwegian str., 1,090, J. Jorgensen, 5th March—Moji 1st March, Salt Herring and General—Jardine Matheson & Co.
BENLAVERS, British str., 2,512, H. W. Bee, 6th March—London via Ports 16th Jan. General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.	TIENSIN, British str., 1,227, G. W. Fedy, 15th Feb.—Sourabaya 21st Jan. and Samarang 2nd Feb. Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.
BUJUN MARU, Japanese str., 1,894, Y. Fushio, 5th March—Shanghai 26th Feb. & Swatow 4th Mar. General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	VENUS, American str., 608, G. Bentreria, 28th Feb.—Manila 24th Feb.—Jorge & Co.
CHINHUA, E. str., 7th March—Shanghai 4th Mar. General—Butterfield & Swire.	WAISHING, British str., 1,170, W. F. Richard, 3rd March—Chinkiang 27th Feb. General— Jardine, Matheson & Co.
	YATSHING, British str., 1,424, Courtney, 3rd March—Moji 26th February, Coal— Jardine, Matheson & Co.
	YOKUHIMA MARU, Jap. str., 2,355, Nakama, 3rd March—Moji 25th February, Coal— Ataka & Co.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Correspondence for EUROPE, via SIBERIA, is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for SHANGHAI.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Daire and Siberia.

18th March	at 8.15 p.m.
28th March	at 11.45 a.m.
1st April	at 8.15 p.m.
9th April	at 10.45 a.m.
15th April	at 8.15 p.m.

The Public are informed that the Cash on Delivery service from the United Kingdom to Hongkong commenced on the 1st of February 1909.

The Asia, with the American mail leaves Manila on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at 6 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 11th instant, at 6 p.m.

FOR	PER	DATE
Kachinolan	Ariake Maru	Tuesday, 9th, 10.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	Buwan Maru	Tuesday, 9th, 10.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hatching	Tuesday, 9th, 10.00 a.m.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Chigo Maru	Tuesday, 9th, 10.00 a.m.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents)		
Swatow and Deli	Signal	Tuesday, 9th, 1.00 p.m.
Macao	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 9th, 1.15 p.m.
Manila	Teon	Tuesday, 9th, 2.00 p.m.
Kobe	Shin-i Maru	Tuesday, 9th, 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Empire	Tuesday, 9th, 5.00 p.m.
Hiohwa and Haiphong	Clara Jensen	Tuesday, 9th, 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Yaching	Wednesday, 10th, 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai	Choyang	Wednesday, 10th, 10.00 a.m.
Swatow	Haiman	Wednesday, 10th, 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai	Waishing	Wednesday, 10th, 10.00 a.m.
Manila	Rigel	Wednesday, 10th, 10.00 a.m.

FINEST OREGON APPLES

H. RUTTONJEE & SON.

WINE AND PROVISION MERCHANTS.

TODAY.
Sole, Stock-in-Trade, Messrs. Jay's Limited, Mr. Geo. P. Lammer, 10.30 a.m.
Fortieth Ordinary Meeting, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Sale, Japanese Curios, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.

		Match Stk.
ON LONDON —		
Telegraphic Transfer	1/8 1/2	
Bank Bills, on demand	1/8 1/2	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/8 1/2	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/8 1/2	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/9	
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2	
ON PARIS —		
Bank Bills, on demand	218	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	222	
ON GERMANY —		
On demand	177	
ON NEW YORK —		
Bank Bills, on demand	42 1/2	
Credits, at 60 days' sight	43 1/2	
ON BOMBAY —		
Telegraphic Transfer	130	
Bank, on demand	130 1/2	
ON CALCUTTA —		
Telegraphic Transfer	130	
Bank, on demand	130 1/2	
ON SHANGHAI —		
Bank, at sight	74 1/2	
Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2	
ON YOKOHAMA — On demand	84 1/2	
ON MANILA — On demand — Pesos	84 1/2	
ON SINGAPORE — On demand	74 1/2	
ON BATAVIA — On demand	104	
ON HAIPHONG — On demand	141 1/2	%
ON SAIGON — On demand	14 1/2	%
ON BANGKOK — On demand	88 1/2	
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.40	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$59.90	
BAR SILVER, per oz.	23 1/2	

Chinese	Hongkong	Hongkong	Hongkong
20 cents pieces	per cent	per cent	per cent
10	10	10	10
20	20	20	20
10	10	10	10

OPIUM.

Quotations are	March 8th
Malwa New	\$1,070/1,080 per picul
Malwa Old	\$1,050/1,100
Malwa Old	\$1,100/1,140
Malwa Y. Old	\$1,150/1,180
Persian fine quality	\$1,020/1,050
Persian extra fine	\$880
Patna Old	\$995 per chest
Patna New	\$1,025
Bengal Old	\$995
Bengal New	\$995

MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.

Barometer 9 a.m.	Therm. (Wet bulb) 9 a.m.	Barometer 1 p.m.	Therm. (Wet bulb) 1 p.m.	Barometer 4 p.m.	Therm. (Wet bulb) 4 p.m.	Therm. 9 a.m.	Therm. Maximum	Therm. 1 p.m.	Therm. Minimum	Therm. 4 p.m.
29.90	79.0	29.80	78.0	29.70	77.0	64	65	65	65	65

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. str. *Asia* arrived at Manila on the 5th inst. between 4 and 6 p.m., and is due to sail from that port on the 9th inst. between 4 and 6 p.m., this will make her due at this port on the 11th inst. afternoon.
The P.M. str. *Mongolia* sailed from Yokohama on the 7th inst., and is due to arrive at this port via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 16th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver p.m. on Wednesday the 24th ult. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.
THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 10th ultimo, left Singapore on the 8th inst. at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 12th inst. p.m.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China str. *Suining* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 3rd instant, and may be expected here on or about the 19th instant.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The N.G.L. (hartered str. *Auchenblae* left Singapore on the 3rd inst. morning, and may be expected here to-morrow.
The str. *Olympic* sailed from Yokohama on the 22nd ult. for Hongkong via Kobe, Moji and Manila.
The Bank Line str. *Kumano* left Seattle on the 21st ult. for Hongkong via Japan ports.
The str. *Bloonsfontein* left Singapore on the 5th inst., and is due here on or about Thursday the 11th inst.
The N.Y.K. str. *Kumano Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island on the 4th inst., and is expected here on the 15th inst.
The N.Y.K. str. *Tokoro Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 22nd ultimo, and is expected here on the 16th inst.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per *Toni Maru*, from Shanghai, &c., Miss B. Lytton, Messrs R. G. Byers, C. B. Barrell, F. Harmon and F. D. Bando.
Per *Hatching*, from Chast Ports, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald and family, Baron and Baroness Von Ruffin, Misses Wetherill and Tourer, Major Evans, Messrs Thompson and A. Thompson.
Per *Arratoon Apar*, from Calcutta, &c., Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Price, Mr. and Mrs. Ebbecke, Mr. and Mrs. Withers, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Judah and 3 children, Mrs. Sibirino, Misses Drew and Cohen, Capt. G. G. Corrie, Messrs C. D. H. Dunlop, Pritchard, Bennett, D. Ezra and J. E. Jacob.
Per *Empire*, from Sydney, &c., for Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. B. Mathers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dobson, Mrs. E. Neidhardt, Miss Lewis, Hon. J. Lewis, Commander M. Johnston, Master A. Andrade, Paymaster R. Schumann, Pay Clerk Lombard, Dr. H. Muller, Captains J. Wells and Dundas, Messrs W. Paton, A. Wilson, B. Wilkinson, A. Larrard, N. Davies, F. Leitas, W. D. Furtado, B. Caruso, F. D. Mo, A. Bernardo, W. Sullivan, W. D. Drowey, G. Mosser and F. F. Phillips for Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Illingworth, Mrs. G. Rea, Mrs. G. and Mrs. Illingworth, Mrs. C. Rea and L. Marienthal, Crossier, Misses C. Rea and H. Rea, Messrs J. Thorne, H. Schoon, W. H. Clarke and Baltham, for Japan, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Misses Gohharit, Faithfull, C. and M. d. J. Perks, Phillips and Cowlishaw, Messrs P. Nutter, T. Okabe and M. Mackellar.



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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 8TH, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
Alhambra, Limited	300	\$500	\$50	Nominal
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$900, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$51, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	3,604	\$12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$12, buyers
China Light and Power Company	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$4, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	\$1	\$9.25, buyers
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spin'g & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 105.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 83.
Lao-Kung-Mow C. Spin'g & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 88.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 310.
Dairy Farm Company	25,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$14, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.				
Hongkong & Wharves & G. Co.	60,000	\$50	all	\$48, buyers
Hongkong and Wharves Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$87, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$62	\$62	\$9, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 91.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 177.
Feenick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.60, buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$200, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$184, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$90, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$205, sellers
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd. (in Liquidation)	10,000	\$100	\$100	Nominal
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$24.
INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$187, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$8.65, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$87, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$330.
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 97, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$825.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$192, buyers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	100	\$99, sales
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$8.65, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$30.
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 115.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44, sellers
MINING.				
Societe Francaise des Charb'ges du Tonkin	18,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$600, c/d. buy.
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	18/10	\$8, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$14.
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$2, sellers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$144, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$17.
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$59, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
Donghai Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$34, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$15	\$15	\$39, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$5	all	\$19.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$5, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$23.
South China Morning Post	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$1, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$24, sellers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$9, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	3,000	\$7	\$7	\$2.
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$2.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$9, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	175	\$100	\$100	\$140.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,000 ordy.	\$10	\$4	\$124.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	For.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.93	29.96
Temperature	80	61
Humidity	92	97
Wind Direction	E	E
Force	5	3
Weather	od	od
Rain	0.02	0

Highest open air temperature on 7th..... 83
Lowest open air temperature on 7th..... 69

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GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDELL STREET.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1909. [98]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

"FUNG-SHUI" THE PEAK. To be let furnished for 8 months or longer.
Apply—
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1909. [110]

8, Des Vaux Road Central.

OFFICES TO LET.

2 ROOMS, No. 19, Queen's Road Central. First Floor, above Messrs. A. Ling & Co.'s Store.
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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [402]

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NOS. 3 & 5, LYEMOON VILLAS. Kowloon. Electric Light installed.
Apply to—
LEO D'ALMADA & CASTRO, No. 10, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [272]

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Apply to—
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Apply to—
N. M. D. & CO.,
Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. [107]

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